



(Above) A DBKL enforcement officer sealing a foreign-run business in Taman Maluri during an operation in September.

(Left) DBKL personnel seizing equipment from a roadside stall which was operated by foreigners in Segambut.

Fined for hiring illegal workers

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A TOTAL of 1,225 compound notices have been issued to Malaysian business operators in Kuala Lumpur for employing foreign workers without valid work permit during several joint operations since January.

In a statement, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) said action was taken under the Licensing of Hawkers By-Laws (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) 2016 and Wholesale Market By-Laws (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur) 2002.

Under one of the operations

DBKL issues 1,225 compounds, shuts downs premises of traders for violating several laws

called *Ops Tebah* (*Operasi Tegas Banteras Aktiviti Haram*), four premises were ordered shut for being fully run by foreigners.

Ops Tebah is an integrated exercise with the police, Customs Department, Immigration Department and Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry.

"DBKL has carried out four *Ops Tebah* operations this year.

"Of the 11 business premises

that were being monitored under *Ops Tebah*, four were immediately shut down under Section 101(1)(v) of the Local Government Act 1976 for being run by foreign workers," said DBKL in the statement.

Under another special operations, DBKL said 59 more premises were monitored with 15 being ordered to cease operations.

A total of 53 notices were also issued, 22 seizures carried out

and 22 investigation papers opened, City Hall added.

The statement also said that during the series of operations in the first nine months of the year, a total of 2,261 items were seized.

"In several cases, DBKL recommended the cancellation of business licences for local employers involved."

During a raid on Sept 12, DBKL shut down two premises in Taman Maluri after it was

found to be managed by foreign traders.

Canopies, stalls and other equipment were also seized and sent to the DBKL storage facility in Taman Miharja for processing and documentation.

In another raid on Sept 25, four premises without valid business licences run by foreign workers were also shut down.

"Continuous enforcement will be carried out in Kuala Lumpur through periodic operations," DBKL added.

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